

HHS Intergovernmental and External Affairs Notification

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RE: CMS Announces Opportunity to Apply for Marketplace Navigator Grants - Call today at 4pm ET

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today announced the availability of new funding to support Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces. Navigators are individuals and entities that will provide unbiased information to consumers about health insurance, the new Health Insurance Marketplace, qualified health plans, and public programs including Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

The funding opportunity announcement is open to eligible self-employed individuals and private and public entities applying to serve as Navigators in states with a Federally-facilitated or State Partnership Marketplace. The new funding opportunity provides up to \$54 million in total funding and applications are due by June 7, 2013.

Last week, CMS released a proposed rule outlining standards for Navigators in Federally-facilitated and State Partnership Marketplaces.

To access the funding opportunity announcement, visit: <http://www.grants.gov>, and search for CFDA # 93.750.

To access the proposed rule released April 3, 2013, visit: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-04-05/pdf/2013-07951.pdf>

For more information about Navigators, including continuing updates, visit: <http://cciio.cms.gov/programs/exchanges/assistance.html>

Learn more about this announcement by joining the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs' call today, April 9th at 4pm ET:

WHO: Gary Cohen, Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO), CMS

WHEN: Today, April 9th, 2013, 4:00p.m. ET

CALL INFO: 888-810-6801
Passcode: ACA

CMS will also hold two pre-application conference calls for potential applicants. The conference calls will provide an overview of this project, budget guidance, review the instructions provided by this FOA and other available materials, and will include an opportunity for potential applicants to ask questions.

First call: Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. EDT

Toll-free teleconference phone number: 877-267-1577; ID: 5119

Second call: Friday, April 19, 2013 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. EDT

Toll-free teleconference phone number: 877-267-1577; ID: 2917

Questions or concerns? Contact HHSIEA@hhs.gov.